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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

In re: Notice of Ex Parte Presentation in Request of
BERGEN CATHOLIC (NJ) HIGH SCHOOL
for Review of Decision of Universal Service
Administrator, CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45

Dear Ms. Salas:

Attached is the Funding Commitment Decision Letter issued by the Schools and Libraries Division of the Universal Service Administrative Company to Bergen Catholic High School concerning their application under Subpart F of Part 54 of the Commission's Rules.

In accordance with Commission rules I am submitting two copies of this notice to the Office of the Secretary in each docket. Please acknowledge receipt hereof by affixing a notation on a duplicate copy of this letter furnished herewith for such purposes and remitting same to the bearer.

Sincerely,



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SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES DIVISION

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Whippany, NJ 07981

BERGEN CATHOLIC SCHOOL
CORY DeROBERTIS
1040 ORADELL AVENUE
ORADELL, NJ 07049-1954

July 27, 1999

Re: Form 471 Application Number: 79315
Funding Year: 1998
Billed Entity Number: 7785

We have completed our review of your FCC Form 471, Services Ordered and Certification Form, and made decisions with respect to your requests for discounts along with other applications received within the same time period. This letter is to advise you of our decisions.

As you may know, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in June 1998 made two changes to the Universal Service Fund for schools and libraries that have direct bearing on your discount request for 1998. First, the 1998 program year has been extended by six months, for a new ending date of June 30, 1999. Second, the FCC established new funding priorities whereby all eligible applicants will receive discounts for eligible telecommunications services and Internet access. Support for internal connections will be allocated in accordance with need so that schools and libraries will receive discounts in order of the discount percentages for which they qualify beginning with applications qualifying for the highest discount percentages. Discounts for internal connections will continue until all funds are exhausted. These changes are reflected in the information in this letter regarding your discount request.

On the following page(s) is a list, by row of Items 15 and 16 of your FCC Form 471. For each item, there is a Funding Request Number (FRN) and several other very important pieces of information relating to the disposition of that request. A complete explanation of each item begins below.

If you have any questions about our decisions on your discounts, you may send them in writing to the Schools and Libraries Division/USAC, Box 125 - Correspondence Unit, 100 South Jefferson Road, Whippany, NJ 07981.

Your next step in the discounting process is to complete and submit the FCC Form 486 enclosed with this letter to notify the SLD that you are currently receiving or have already begun to receive services for which discounts have been approved. This will enable your service providers to invoice SLD for your discounts. Please note that we are notifying each service provider listed on your Form 471 of our decision on your discount request. In addition, you should contact each service provider yourself to make any necessary arrangements regarding start of services, billing of discounts, and any other administrative details relevant to your participation in the Universal Service Fund. For important information about your Form 486, see next page.

FCC Form 471 Applicants who are approved for discount eligibility are reminded that they continue to be subject to audits and other reviews that the SLD may undertake to assure that discounted services are being used in compliance with program rules. If the SLD discovers that discounted services are not being used in compliance with program rules, 471 Applicants will be subject to enforcement activities and other means of recourse by the SLD and other appropriate Federal, state, and local authorities.

Explanation of Information Provided in SLD Funding Notification

On the following pages we provide you with a synopsis of the discount eligibility decision for each item you requested. To help understand this synopsis the following definitions are provided:

- * Funding Request Number (FRN): A number assigned by the SLD that will identify a Funding Request. A Funding Request is a single row of item 15 or 16.
- * Funding Status: An item may be "Funded," "Denied," "Partially Funded," or not approved because of "Funds Exhausted." An item that is "Funded" will be approved at the level that SLD determines is appropriate for that item. That will generally be the level requested by the Applicant unless the SLD determines during the application review process that some adjustment is appropriate, for example, a different discount percentage for that item than the FCC Form 471 featured. If an item is "Denied," that denial will be briefly explained in the "Funding Commitment Decision," and amplification of that explanation may be offered in the section, "Funding Commitment Decision Explanation." An item will be "Partially Funded" or "Unfunded," in accordance with FCC program rules, if the total amount of funds in the Universal Service Fund is insufficient to fully fund all approved requests. If the Form 471 was received after all the funds in the Universal Service Fund were allocated and it was processed, the status will indicate "Unfunded - Funds Exhausted."
- * SPIN (Service Provider Identification Number): A unique number assigned to each service provider by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC).
- * Service Provider Name: The legal name of the service provider.
- * Provider Contract Number: The number of the contract between the eligible party and the service provider. This will be present only if a contract number was provided on Form 471.
- * Services Ordered: The type of service ordered from the service provider, as shown on Form 471.
- * Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: The first possible date of service for which the SLD will reimburse the service provider for discounted services. Note: If the actual service start date provided on a Form 486 is later than this date, the actual service start date set forth in the Form 486 will be the effective date of the discount.
- * Contract Expiration Date: The date the contract expires. This will be present only if a contract expiration date was provided on Form 471.

Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement Form: If you have already paid in full for services for which you are now being approved for discounts, you can use the enclosed Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement Form to seek reimbursement from your service provider. This Form is not for use by service providers, who have their own invoice form. If you plan to submit a Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement Form, please read and follow the instructions carefully regarding the Form as well as the Form 486 to avoid delay in processing your reimbursement.

SLD Funding Notification Synopsis for Application Number: 00079315

Funding Request Number:00077852 Funding Status: Funded
SPIN: 143001362 Service Provider Name: Bell Atlantic - New Jersey, Inc.
Provider Contract Number: T
Services Ordered: Telecommunications Services
Effective Date of Discount: 04/20/1998 Contract Expiration Date:
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$16,148.65
Discount Percentage Approved by SLD: 20%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$3,229.73 - FRN approved as submitted

Funding Request Number:00077871 Funding Status: Funded
SPIN: 143004632 Service Provider Name: METROCON COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
Provider Contract Number: NJP1004
Services Ordered: Dedicated Services
Effective Date of Discount: 01/01/1998 Contract Expiration Date: 12/31/1998
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$16,470.00
Discount Percentage Approved by SLD: 20%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$3,294.00 - FRN approved as submitted

Funding Request Number:00089361 Funding Status: Unfunded or Denied
SPIN: 143004632 Service Provider Name: METROCON COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
Provider Contract Number: NJP1004
Services Ordered: Internal Connections
Effective Date of Discount: 01/01/1998 Contract Expiration Date: 06/26/1998
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$1,995.00
Discount Percentage Approved by SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Explanation: Funding cap will not provide
for Internal Connections less than 70% discount to be funded. Please see
WWW.SL.UNIVERSALSERVICE.ORG for further details.

Funding Request Number:00281149 Funding Status: Funded
SPIN: 143001362 Service Provider Name: Bell Atlantic - New Jersey, Inc.
Provider Contract Number: 201-R25819L448
Services Ordered: Dedicated Services
Effective Date of Discount: 04/20/1998 Contract Expiration Date: 04/20/2003
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$6,300.00
Discount Percentage Approved by SLD: 20%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$1,260.00 - FRN approved as submitted